

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 37-43, 45-54, 69-71, 73-75, and 77-84 have been cancelled without prejudice to the filing of continuation applications. Claim 85 has been amended to further clarify the invention. Support for the amendment to claim 85 can be found in cancelled claims 69 and 37. Claims 55-68 and 85 remain pending. No new matter has been introduced into this application as a result of the present amendment.

The Applicants note that the Examiner found claims 55-68 to be allowable. The Examiner also found that claim 85 would be allowable if amended to include all of the limitations of the base claims. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that claims 55-68 and amended claim 85 are allowable. Without conceding to the appropriateness or inappropriateness of any of the rejections asserted in the Office Action, the Applicants submit the rejections are moot.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested and a favorable determination is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if the Examiner believes this would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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